



WASHINGTON STATE  
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## Our Role

The Governor's Salmon Recovery Office, part of the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office, coordinates salmon and orca recovery for the state to ensure a future with abundant salmon, healthy orcas, and restored lands and waterways that can adjust to a changing climate.

## Areas of Focus

**Governor's Salmon Strategy:** Maintain the Governor's statewide plan to recover salmon. Convene the Natural Resources Subcabinet to make sure budgets and priorities work together for salmon.

**Southern Resident Orca Recovery:** Coordinate recovery for the state focused on increasing food, quieting waters, and reducing pollution.

**Regional Recovery Plans:** Support regional partners in developing and executing their federally approved salmon recovery plans.

**Biennial Report:** Create the *State of Salmon in Watersheds* report, which describes the health of Washington's salmon populations and recovery efforts.

**Riparian Habitat:** Coordinate efforts by state agencies to restore and protect land along waterways (riparian habitat) and create other habitat policies.

**Science and Monitoring:** Guide salmon science and monitoring programs and priorities for the Salmon Recovery Funding Board, state agencies, and partners.

**Collaboration:** Partner with local, state, federal, and Tribal governments and others to advance salmon and orca recovery.

**Communication:** Share the importance of salmon and orca recovery to a wide audience and help partners with outreach efforts.